

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 36-112 are pending in the application.

Claims 36-112 have been rejected on the grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting.

Applicants' Response to the Office Action

Claims 36-112 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting of the claims in applicant's prior U.S. Patent Nos. 6,602,285 and 6,682,554. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions, Applicant is concurrently filing terminal disclaimers in regard to each of the identified patents.

Conclusion

It is believed these amendments have placed the application in condition for allowance. If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this and concurrent replies to charge payment (or credit any overpayment) to Deposit Account 50-2298 of Luce, Forward, Hamilton and Scripps LLP.

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